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WORDS

WITH NEW

MEANING

FOR

BLIND

PEOPLE

NOW...

THEY HAVE A CHOICE

Only a century ago blind people had little choice in their way of life. Rejected by society, placed in asylums and denied education, they were left to beg on the streets. Blind people were without opportunity, privilege, or choice.

Today, blind people enter life with almost the same choices as the sighted. Blind children may enter public, private or residential schools, later attending the college or university of their choice. Employment opportunities exist for the blind in an endless variety of vocations. Acceptance in social, recreational and fraternal groups is almost universal. For the multiply-handicapped blind person, society has provided a good measure of economic support in an effort to secure for them at least a higher level of dignity than ever before.

This choice of a way of life today for blind people results largely from the work of many public and voluntary agencies—agencies such as the Allen County League for the Blind, a United Fund agency.

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Agency SERVICES

ADJUSTMENT
TO BLINDNESS

Personal and social problems resulting from blindness are met through counseling. The individual is helped to reorganize his abilities to meet a life without sight.

TRAVEL
TRAINING

Special techniques of cane travel are taught, enabling the blind person to travel where he chooses to go, confidently and independently.

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CONSULTANT
SERVICES
TO SCHOOLS

Schools are aided in integrating blind pupils into regular classrooms by consultant services and the provision of special educational aids, including braille and recorded textbooks.

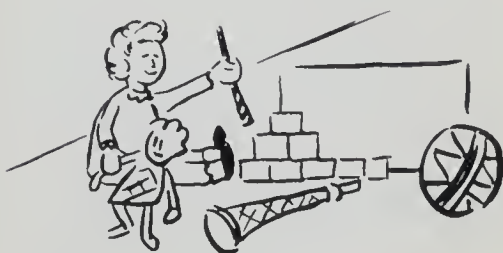
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY

Skills and special techniques are taught the blind person enabling him to carry out independently activities of daily living such as eating, grooming, cooking, sewing, measuring, script writing and reading braille, and many other tasks.



PRE-SCHOOL COUNSELING

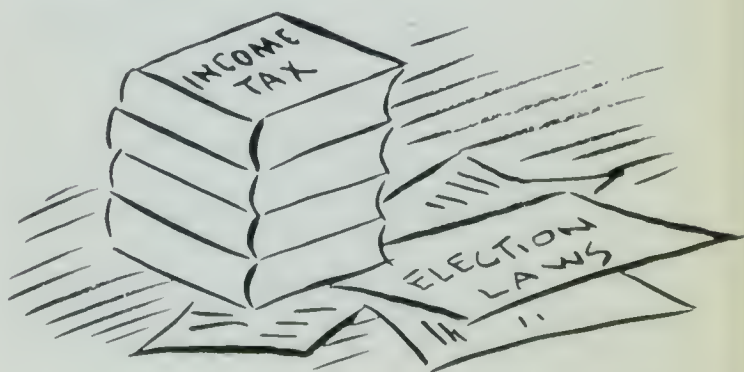
Parents of blind pre-schoolers are guided in planning for the normal growth and development of their children; the child, too, receives specialized training by a professionally trained staff member of the Allen County League for the Blind.





INFORMATION
CENTER

Community education concerning the blind child and adult creates better understanding and acceptance of blindness. Information concerning national, state, and other specialized services to the blind are furnished through the Allen County League for the Blind. A large variety of aids and devices for the blind are also available through the agency.



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RECREATION

AND LEISURE TIME

ACTIVITIES

Recreational outlets for blind persons are promoted within existing community agencies and other facilities. Leisure-time interests and hobbies are developed for all ages.



VOLUNTEER

PROGRAM

Reader service and essential transportation, for those who need it, are provided by volunteers. School and college textbooks are voice-recorded on records and other books are transcribed into braille.

VOCATION



SELECTIVE JOB PLACEMENT

Job placement in competitive business or industry, with on-the-job training and close follow-up, complete the restoration of the blind person to a self-supporting, productive station in life.

VOCATIONAL COUNSELING:

Assessment of interests, experience and abilities aid in the selection of realistic vocational goals.

PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOP EMPLOYMENT:

On-the-job training and conditioning in the Allen County League for the Blind's sub-contract workshop provides opportunity for evaluation and the development of job skills.



**ALLEN COUNTY
LEAGUE FOR
THE BLIND**

**227 E. Washington St.
Fort Wayne, Ind.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1960 — December 31, 1960

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1960	\$ 159.25
United Chest-Council Allocations	21,003.75
Sale of Supplies	4.33
Clinic Fees	170.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$21,337.33

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	\$18,723.59
Services and Supplies	1,381.54
Fixed Charges	61.00
Repairs and Replacements	188.84
Publicity and Education	553.98
Institutional Supplies and Expenses	289.08
Other Supplies and Expenses	113.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$21,311.13

Cash on Hand December 31, 1960	\$ 26.20
Designated and Memorial Gifts Fund January 1, 1960	\$ 6,181.05
Contributions to Designated and Memorial Gifts Fund	1,686.00
	\$ 7,867.05
Expenditures from Designated and Memorial Gifts Fund	\$ 2,053.30
Designated and Memorial Gifts Fund December 31, 1960	\$ 5,813.75

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for the blind . . . for
eight consecutive
years